



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: September 16, 2003

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Renaming a public street previously known as "25th-1/2 Street" between Cedar Avenue and Ogema Place as "E M Stately Street"**

Recommendation:

1. Adoption of a Resolution approving the change from "25th-1/2 Street" between Cedar Avenue and Ogema Place as "E M Stately Street".

Previous Directives:

1. At the August 26, 2003 meeting of the Transportation and Public Works Committee, staff was directed to research what changing a street name entails, including safety and cost implications, and investigate the same for the possibility of a dual name, then make recommendations to the committee. Public Works was also directed to mail notification of the request to property owners on 25th-1/2 Street.

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Dennis Morris, Right of Way Supervisor

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached:

A request was made by the Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation to honor the accomplishments of Elaine M. Stately (1937-1988) by renaming the street presently identified as 25th-1/2 Street, between Cedar Avenue and Ogema Place, after Ms. Stately. Historically, 25th-1/2 Street was opened in this location by Council Action on July 2, 1885.

This request was made formally at the August 26, 2003, meeting of the Transportation and Public Works Committee. Public Works was directed to study the request and make recommendations.

A meeting was held Wednesday, September 3, 2003, between representatives of Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation, representatives of the Fire Department, representatives of the Zoning Department, and representatives of the Public Works Department. It was agreed that the subject right of way should continue to be called "Street" to conform with other east-west streets. Although the street is being re-named to honor Elaine M. Stately, Public Works recommended that the identifying signs should read "E M Stately Street" (without periods after the initials) because the full name would require lettering too small to be read. Deputy Fire Chief Scott Craigie stated a public safety preference for a named street over a numbered street that included "1/2".

Regarding the Committee direction to obtain the cost of this street name change - other than administrative overhead, there would be the cost of producing and deploying blade signs, estimated by Public Works at less than \$100. The GIS office requires approximately two hours to place the new name in their databases and to ensure that maps display the change as desired.

There is currently no City Charter or City Ordinance regulating the naming of public or private streets or alleys. Past and current practice is for the Public Works Department in consultation with the Zoning, Inspections and Emergency Communication Departments to review street name requests and make a recommendation to the City Council.

The City Clerks Office and the Public Works Department will notify the proper public and private agencies of the street name change, and update all official City maps and records. In addition, Public Works will erect street signs identifying "E M Stately Street" on or before September 20, 2003, in anticipation of Council passage on September 26, 2003 in order to coordinate with the 30th anniversary celebration of the formation of Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation. Signs will bear dual identification as both "25th-1/2 Street" and "E M Stately Street" for a period of six months.

Attachment 1 - Map of proposed E M Stately Street location
Attachment 2 - Letter to residents (in English and Spanish)

Cc: Council Member Zimmerman